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Office Action Summary

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09/430,675

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mark E. Wallerson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 30 and 33-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 30, 33-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on 11/2/04.
2. This application has been reconsidered. Claims 30 and 33-35 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Roberts et al (Roberts) (U.S. 6,650,431).

With respect to claim 30, Roberts discloses a method for forming images on media using a plurality of pages of data (column 6, lines 40-48), comprising selecting a first imaging related

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option (black and white or monochromatic) (column 9, lines 16-33) to form images on the media using N of the plurality of pages of data on individual pages of the data (which reads on printing a page of the document (assuming that $N=1$)) (column 6, lines 49-55); selecting a second imaging related option (color) to form images on the media using a first imaging device (110) having a capability to form the images on the media at a first resolution (which reads on the color pages) for pages including images corresponding to pictures (graphics or pie-charts) (column 1, lines 29-45), and using a second imaging device (112) having a capability to form images on the media at a resolution less than the first resolution (which reads on black and white pages) (column 6, lines 49-63) for ones of the plural pages of data having data including only text (column 1, lines 29-45); partitioning the plurality of pages into a plurality of sets (the abstract, lines 1-5); forming images on the media using the first imaging device for ones of the plurality of sets (the color pages) and forming images using the second imaging device for ones of the plurality of sets having none of the included pages of data including the pages of data including only the data corresponding to the text (the black and white pages) (the abstract).

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

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6. Claims 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kato (U.S. 5,978,557).

With respect to claims 33-35, Kato discloses identifying ones of plural pages having data of a first characteristic (monochromatic) and ones of the plural pages having a second characteristic (color) (column 5, lines 4-15); sending the plural pages to a first imaging device (2000 or 21) capable of forming the images on the media for the pages having the first characteristic (column 5, lines 4-15); including blank pages (replacement pages) corresponding to the ones of the plural pages (column 5, line 4 to column 6, line 59); sending the plurality of pages to a second imaging device capable of forming images on the media for the plural pages having the second characteristic (column 5, line 4 to column 6, line 59), and forming the images on the blank units of the media using the second imaging device (column 2, lines 11-17).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 11/2/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to claim 30, Applicant submits that Roberts does not disclose using N of the plurality of pages of data on individual of the media. The Examiner respectfully disagrees.

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Roberts discloses printing pages of a document (column 6, lines 40-48). If N=1, Roberts clearly discloses using N of the plurality of pages of data on individual of the media.

With respect to claims 33-35, Applicant submits that Kato does not disclose the limitation "including blank units of the media). Again, the Examiner disagrees. Kato disclose inserting replacement pages within the document (column 5, lines 15-30). These replacement pages do not contain document data (figure 1), therefore they clearly reads on blank units of the media.

Conclusion

8. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

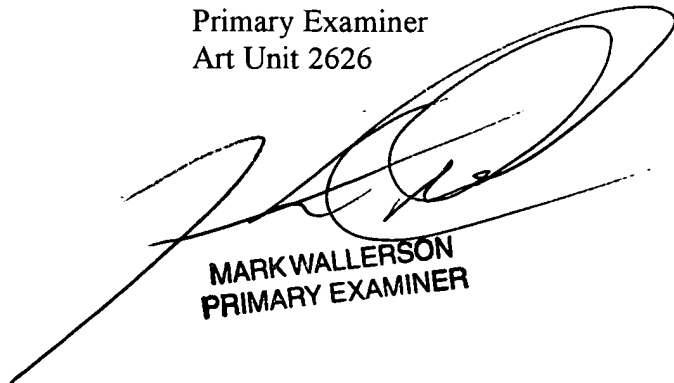
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (703) 305-8581. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (703) 305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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